

**Patuxent City House**  
**CH-122**  
**Patuxent City**  
**Private**

**C. 1800-1825**

The Patuxent City House is a two-part, side-gable dwelling with a five-bay, 1 3/4 story main block attached to a two-bay, 1 1/2 story kitchen wing. The dwelling has five pedimented dormers on both the façade and rear elevations. Two narrow, brick exterior chimneys flank the main block, and a massive brick chimney with a corbelled watertable and stepped shoulders is attached to the kitchen wing. Existing exterior woodwork includes a boxed and beaded cornice and dormer pediments. Several late 19<sup>th</sup> century, early 20<sup>th</sup> century outbuildings surround the dwelling including a meathouse, outhouse, shed/workshop and a chicken house. Named for its central location in the 19<sup>th</sup> century village of Patuxent City, the dwelling was probably constructed during the first quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Patuxent City House is an important and relatively unaltered example of a once popular house type in Charles County.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-122

**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic	Patuxent City House (preferred)
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other Thomas Farm

## 2. Location

street and number	16176 Prince Frederick Road	x	not for publication
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city, town	Patuxent City	vicinity
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county Charles

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	James P. and Nellie H. Thompson
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street and number	16176 Prince Frederick Road	telephone	301-274-3769
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city, town	Hughesville	state	MD	zip code	20637
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 36 p. 367

city, town	LaPlata	liber	130	folio	222
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

\_\_\_\_ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

## 6. Classification

[illegible]

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Patuxent City House is a two-part, side-gable frame dwelling probably constructed during the first quarter of the 19th century. A 1 3/4 story, five-bay, 1 3/4 story structure facing south comprises the main block. A 1 1/2 story kitchen wing extends the dwelling to the west elevation. Five pedimented dormers appear on both the façade and rear elevations. A hipped roof porch, of probable late 19th or early 20th century construction extends the width of three bays across the façade. The rear elevation has a full width partially enclosed shed porch of early or original construction. The house has two narrow brick exterior chimneys flanking the main block and a massive brick chimney with a corbelled watertable and stepped shoulders attached to the exterior of the kitchen wing. Although reclad in composition shingle siding, some original exterior woodwork is visible including a boxed and beaded cornice and dormer pediments. The frame rests on a rubble foundation. With the exception of a few replacement windows, and the reclad exterior the dwelling appears to retain a high degree of integrity. It is surrounded by several late 19th or early 20th century outbuildings including a meathouse, outhouse, shed/workshop and a chicken house.

The façade of the main block includes a centrally and symmetrically located door flanked by two windows on each side. The windows lying to the east of the door are 1/1 replacements while the two westernmost are 6/6 light with double-hung sash, as are the three dormer windows above. A later hipped roof porch spans over three bays and is supported by four wooden Doric columns. The porch floor is of poured concrete. The façade of the kitchen wing includes one exterior door nearest the west wall opposite a single replacement window.

The rear or north elevation of the main block includes a full-width shed porch that extends the roofline. The porch which is likely an original feature, has been partially enclosed in the 20th century and includes two modern windows. The porch, resting on thick square wood posts, shelters two original 6/6 windows underneath. The kitchen wing has a centered door flanked by an original window to the east and a replacement to the west. Dormers on the rear elevation mirror those on the façade.

The gable elevations are without fenestration but are distinguished by simple beaded molding at the roofline.

All existing outbuildings including a shed, outhouse, workshop and outhouse appear to date from the late 19th or early 20th century.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:	

Specific dates	c. 1800-25	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	c. 1800-25	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Probably constructed during the first quarter of the 19th century, the Patuxent City House is an important and relatively unaltered example of a once popular house type in Charles County. The Patuxent City House stands within the 19th century village of Patuxent City, located near Old Fields Church on Prince Frederick Road (now Route 231). Although one would not recognize it today during the 19th century Patuxent City once boasted a store, blacksmith shop, and a number of dwellings located on small lots lining the main road. The town developed during the early 19th century as one of the several trade centers that grew up at crossroads across the county. Today, only a handful of original buildings remain in Patuxent City.

Although the entire history of the site has not yet been determined, the house rests on land known as "Wilbur's Benefit" or "Wallace's and Wilbur's." During the second quarter of the 19th century it was owned by James Morton, who at the time of his death left the property to his heirs John and Julia Smoot. The Smoot's transferred the property to Thomas Estep in 1859 who sold the property to James T. Thomas the following year. While little is known of Thomas, he was apparently not successful and was forced to sell his property due to insolvency in 1866.

The land was eventually acquired by Jeremiah Dudley who died intestate in 1902. At the time of his death he owned 894.25 acres valued at \$17,468. Most of this lay in the vicinity of Patuxent City. As a result of an Equity case involving a dispute among Jeremiah's heirs, a commission was appointed to equitably divide his acreage among his heirs. The result was several subdivisions and combinations of former tracts. This particular tract identified on Dudley's survey map as "Thomas Farm" and consisting of 107 acres, was retained by the Dudley heirs until 1927 when it was sold to Charles Loughran, in 1944 when it was sold to A. Mac and Estelle Lindsey, and 1957 when it was sold to Joseph P. and Nellie Thompson.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>5</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>100</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Benedict</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 16176 Prince Frederick Road has historically been associated with Charles County Property Map 36, Grid 12, Parcel 367.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Dept.	date	11/1/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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Charles County, MD

county and state

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**Chain of title:**

- 1859 John and Julia Smoot to Thomas Estep "Walace's and Wilbur's" division of estate of James Morton  
**JHC 1 Folio 257**
- 1860 Thomas B. Estep and Ann M., his wife to James T. Thomas. \$1500. Land on both sides of the main road leading through Patuxent City from Benedict to Old Fields Church. "Wibur's Benefit" the lot now owned and occupied by John H. Ball and the lot owned by [illegible] said lot being in Patuxent City and adjoining the lands of William Woodburn [illegible] Hickey's heirs P. Rufus and L— Robey the said James T. Thomas and [illegible] Canter the lands being deeded to Thomas B. Estep by a deed noted the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1859 from the Smoots of Georgetown.  
**JHC 1 Folio 260**
- July 22, 1873 Richard H. Edelen, Trustee to William H. Moore, Edward D.R. Bean & Benjamin M. Edelen Decree of Circuit Court February 25, 1871 Equity case: Richard F. Boarman & others vs. J. Miller & Mary Elizabeth Boarman Petition of James T. Thomas, made May 19, 1866 to divide lands of James T. Thomas. Richard H. Edelen appointed to sell land.  
\$1770 for Store House & Lot  
Also the new dwelling house and lot for \$1720 called the Store Lot with Store House & 5/8 acre near Patuxent City. Designated on a plat filed with petition of James T. Thomas Charles County Land Records  
**Liber GAH 4 Folio 37**
- ????: to Jeremiah Dudley
- 1902 Jeremiah Dudley died intestate. Heirs: widow, Jennie R. Dudley & children, John Dudley, Pattie E. Boarman, William J. Lyons (only living descendant of Agnes M. Lyon, Jeremiah Dudley's daughter), Louis P. Dudley, May E. Dudley & Nelson Dudley
- June 12, 1911 Equity Case #1275: Jennie R. Dudley, et al. vs. T. Nelson Dudley  
Jeremiah Dudley owned several lots near Patuxent City at time of death =

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894.25 a. Commission appointed to divide land. Valued at \$17,468  
Divided into 3 lots: dower Lot 1, Dower Lot 2, & Dower Lot 3

August 29, 1927      John Dudley and Edith R. his wife, William J. Lyon and Isabelle his wife,  
Patty Kershaw, widow, T. Nelson Dudley and Margaret his wife to Charles  
Loughran. 143 a. "Dower Division No. 1" in the survey of Jeremiah  
Dudley's estate. Equity 1875. Excepting the Store lot 1 3/4 a. and the  
Robey Lot 2 1/2 a.  
**WMA 47 Folio 355**

January 28, 1944      Charles Loughran and Winifred W. his wife to A. Mac Lindsey and Estelle  
H. Lindsey.  
"Being a portion of the property that Loughran obtained under will of Leo  
D. Loughran .....and being all the same property conveyed to  
Loughran, trustee by John Dudley et al. 143 a.  
**Liber 79 Folio 477**

June 21, 1957      Estelle H. Lindsey, widow to Joseph P. and Nellie Thompson. 143 a.  
Except store lot and Robey lot and land conveyed to Road Commission  
103/417, 117/142 and one acre to Walter and Mary Coleman 125/123.  
**Liber 130 Folio 222**

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**Major Bibliographic References:**

Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History.  
Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Circuit Court Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland.  
LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: "PATUXENT CITY HOUSE"			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Patuxent City-Benedict Road (Now at Brandywine Rd. (MD 381) and MD 231)			
CITY OR TOWN: Patuxent City (Hughesville vicinity)			
STATE: Maryland	COOE	COUNTY: Charles	COOE
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>			
Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>			
No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNERS NAME:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	COOE	STATE:
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Charles County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: La Plata	STATE: Maryland	COOE	COUNTY:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	COOE	FOR NPS USE ONLY
			ENTRY NUMBER
			DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a small ~~stone~~ dwelling of frame construction, in a two part composition, 1 1/2 storeys in height. The roof design is "A" with the ridge running E to W and a single double flue chimney at each gable with free standing stack.

The house is five bays in length with center door and three balanced dormers above. The W wing has a single chimney on its W gable, a door and window with two dormers above. All chimneys are exterior. The roof is <sup>100% p</sup> shingle.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

N. R. FIELD SHEET

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire		
ORGANIZATION	Maryland Historical Trust	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1704		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_



RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 12/2000

North arrow:



Name: PATUXENT CITY HOUSE

Address: 16176 PRINCE FREDERICK RD

CH - 122

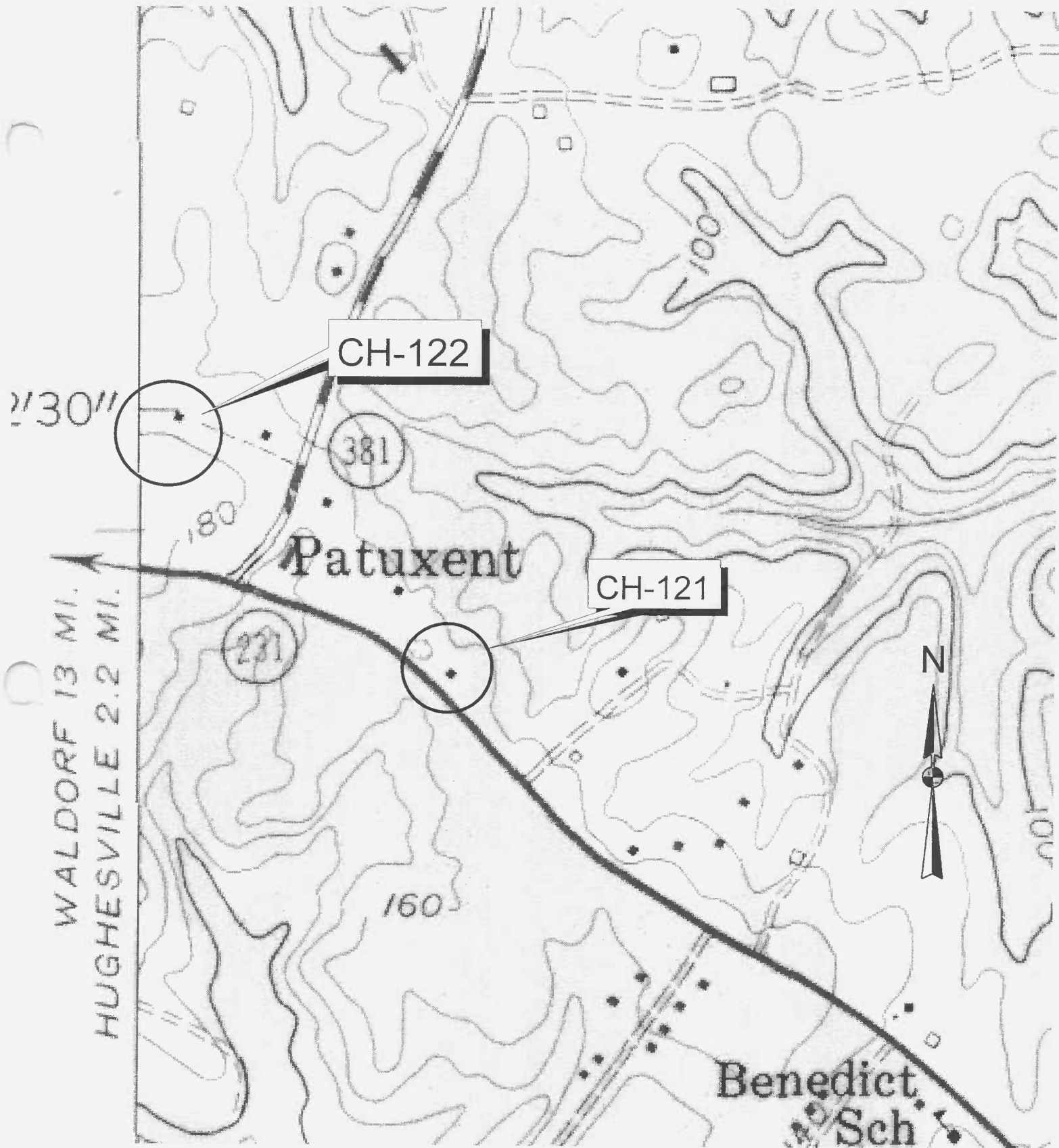
Charles County, Maryland

PATUXENT City

☐ Vicinity

STEEP SLOPE TO OPEN FIELDS





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Charles County, MD  
Benedict, MD Quad





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PATUXENT CITY HOUSE

PATUXENT CITY

11/2000

C. CURREY

MD SHP/D

FACADE, LOOKING NORTH

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PATUXENT CITY HOUSE  
PATUXENT CITY  
11/2000

C. CURREY  
MP SHPO

FACADE, KITCHEN WING & CHIMNEY, LOOKING EAST  
20P4



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PATUXENT CITY HOUSE

PATUXENT CITY

11/2006

C. CURREY

MD SHPO

REAR ELEVATION, LOOKING SE 3 OF 4



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PATUXENT CITY HOUSE

PATUXENT CITY

11/2000

C. CURREY

MD SHPO

EAST ELEVATION

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